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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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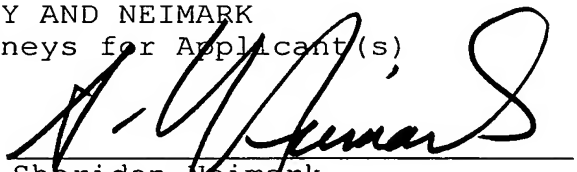
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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
X	GB 2 336 178 A (MERITOR) see last para., page 2	1 at least

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